

SGD Meeting Minutes

Date: March 31, 2026

Time: 12:00 PM

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order.
- Motion made and approved to begin meeting.

2. Ireland Trip

- The recent Ireland trip was very successful.
- If planning to return in 2028, arrangements must begin soon.
- Recommended timing: May/June instead of Spring Break.
- Patrick will serve as the lead with one additional support person.

3. Yellowstone Trip – June 2027

- Transportation remains the most significant challenge and expense for an 8-day trip.
- Patrick knows a potential contact who may be able to drive a minibus and serve as a local guide.
- Minibus capacity: 15 passengers.
- Hotel deposit needed by June 2026, estimated at \$3,000 for one night for 15 people (fully refundable).
- SGD presentation to Rotary next week—opportunity to discuss deposit support.
- Dean will speak with Rotary members in advance about the possibility of securing a loan for the deposit.
- A HUM-120 course will run in the spring and connect to the study abroad trip.
- Final participant count will depend on transportation availability.

4. Pirate Trip (20 Participant Limit)

- Date: Friday, April 17 at 10:00 AM
- Schedule: Depart at 9:00 AM; return by noon.
- Transportation:
 - One van departing from campus

- One van departing from Bertie
- NERSBA bringing their own bus
- Sean and Linda may drive the bus (Mary as back up)
- Kim is the primary contact.
- Trip includes visiting the Queen Anne's Revenge exhibit/location.

5. Spring Fling – April 14 at 10:00 AM

- SGD will host a table at the event.
- Sign-up sheet will be sent out.
- Items to prepare:
 - Yellowstone-themed display
 - Ireland trip poster
 - Candy for distribution

6. Ideas for Using SGD Funds

- Student scholarships
- Travel assistance/expense support

7. Next Meeting

- The group will meet again in three weeks to continue Yellowstone planning.